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hold its expenses down so they are getting rid of these teachers purely for monetary reasons.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I would definitely say that's true. I've had it documented in many smaller school districts. Even in, they may be K-12, some of them even, but I've went in and found that the only reason, and the school board members tell you, that they got rid of them because it'd keep their school budgets down without worrying about the competency of the teachers or what type of education the children were getting which is the portion that I'm worried about but only worried about dollars to people.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would you give us the names of some of those schools, please?

SENATOR SIMPSON: No, I would not.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would you give it to us in private, please?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I would give you some in private, yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to amend the Mills-Dworak amendment to strike 3 years and insert 2 years. Signed Senator Maresh.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I, and members of the Legislature, I firmly believe that there should be a probationary period and I have met with the teachers in my district and I took this stand that I believe if we have a bill like this, we should have a probationary period but I think 3 years is rather long. I have served on the school board and I have two daughters that are school teachers and they understand my position on this and I so move.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson. The motion is to amend the Mills amendment by striking therefrom the word 3 and inserting therefor the word 2 to LB 82. Cast your vote. This is the Maresh amendment to the Mills amendment to the bill. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 19 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion--we will stand at ease. Read the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 19 nays, 8 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the amendment passes. Under our Rules, an amendment to an amendment requires the majority of those voting. Senator Mills, do you wish to close on your amendment now?

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Dworak and I both support the amended amendment. I take great difference with Senator Simpson in his views of schools indiscriminately firing teachers. Again I repeat to you I have served on a school board. I do not believe that these things are happening today. True, they may have happened some years ago. Through due process these people have protection. I urge you to support this amendment.